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Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President  
The University of California  
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Sproul:

I am writing to request that you accord a leave of absence to [redacted] so that he may accept a call to work with this agency on matters of extreme importance to the national security. Knowing [redacted] academic commitments, it is with regret that we ask for his services. However, he has unusual qualifications which make him very important to the essential work of this agency.

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I am sure that you and the University of California will realize that you are performing a national service in releasing [redacted] for this work.

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Sincerely,

Signed

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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